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Comments: I support this bill!

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HB257
RELATING TO PAROLE
House Committee on Public Safety

February 14, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Room 309

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB257, which establishes an earned-time program for pa‘ahao (prisoners) seeking parole.

In 2010, OHA produced a comprehensive report detailing the disparate treatment of Native Hawaiians in the criminal justice system. Since then, OHA has administered the Native Hawaiian Justice Task Force (NHJTF), which was tasked by the Legislature to address this multi-faceted issue. A copy of the NHJTF 2012 legislative report and related materials are available at:
www.oha.org/nativehawaiianjusticetaskforce

This bill furthers recommendation B.11. of the NHJTF report:

Legislation should be passed that establishes “earned time/good time” credit for inmates’ behavior, including program participation while incarcerated.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to **PASS** HB257. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.